

REMARKS

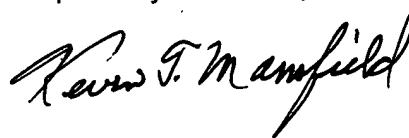
Claims 16-24, 26, 28-29 and 31-32 were pending in this application.

Applicants note that compound claims 16-17 and process claim 32 are allowed, and method of use claim 24 is merely objected to due to dependency. Accordingly, to hasten prosecution and to place the claims in condition for allowance, applicants propose to rewrite claim 24 in independent form and to cancel without prejudice pending claims 18-13, 26, 28, 29, i.e. all the rejected claims. Since claim 32 will depend on a cancelled claim, applicants propose to rewrite said claim 32 in independent form as well. Since this amendment will place all the remaining claims in condition for allowance, its entry is therefore solicited.

Since there are no other grounds of objection or rejection, passage of this application to issue with claims 16, 17, 24 and 32 is earnestly solicited.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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